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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed February 21, 2003 (Paper No.4), the Examiner has required restriction between claims 1-22 (Group I drawn to a method of forming a memory device), and claims 23-38 (Group II drawn to a memory device). Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-22, for continued examination, without traverse.

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